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***Department of Transportation, Discretionary Grants***

**Supplemental Discretionary Grants for a National Surface Transportation System:** \$1.5 billion for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure. The Secretary of Transportation will distribute funds as discretionary grants to State and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects shall include, but not limited to, highway or bridge projects, including interstate rehabilitation, improvements to the rural collector road system, the reconstruction of overpasses and interchanges, bridge replacements, road realignments, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail transportation projects, and port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement. \$200 million is available for the purpose of paying the subsidy and administrative costs of projects eligible for federal credit assistance. The Secretary shall ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and a balance in addressing urban and rural communities. Grants shall not be less than \$20 million and not greater than \$300 million. Not more than 20 percent of the funds may be available to a single State. Federal share of projects is 100 percent. Secretary shall give priority to projects that require a contribution of federal funds in order to complete an overall financing package, and to projects expected to be completed within 3 years of enactment. All applications are due not later than 180 days after the publication of criteria and projects will be announced no later than one year after enactment, February 17, 2009.

<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

**Small Shipyard Supplemental Assistance Grants:** \$100 million from the Federal Maritime Administration for grants to qualified shipyards.

<http://www.marad.dot.gov/>

**FAA, Grants-In-Aid for Airports:** \$1.1 billion for discretionary projects for the procurement, installation, and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports. The funds are not subject to apportionment formulas, special appointment categories, or minimum percentages and the Secretary of Transportation shall distribute funds as discretionary grants to airports, with priority given to those projects that demonstrate to his satisfaction their ability to be completed within 2 years of enactment and can supplement and not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources. 50 percent of grants will be obligated within 120 days of enactment and the remaining grants not later than 1 year after enactment. Federal share shall be 100 percent.

<http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

**FAA, Supplemental Funding for Facilities and Equipment:** \$200 million for necessary investments in Federal Aviation Administration infrastructure for improvements to power systems, air route traffic control centers, air traffic control towers, terminal radar approach control facilities, and navigation and landing equipment. Priority will be given to projects or activities that will be completed within 2 years of enactment.

**Federal Highway Administration:** \$60 million the Secretary of Transportation will distribute as competitive discretionary grants to States, with priority given to projects that demonstrate to his satisfaction their ability to be completed within 2 years of enactment.

**Federal Railroad Administration, Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service:** \$8 billion for discretionary grants to States to pay for the cost of projects for the high speed rail corridor program, capital assistance for intercity passenger rail service grants and congestion grants. Federal share is 100 percent.

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2153>

**Federal Transit Administration:** \$100 million to be distributed as discretionary grants to public transit agencies for capital investments that will assist in reducing energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems, such grants on energy-related investments, priority shall be given to projects based on the total energy savings that are projected to result from the investment, and projected energy savings as a percentage of the total energy usage of the public transit agency.

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/index\\_9118.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html)

**Transit Capital Investment Grants:** \$750 million to make discretionary grants and priority is given to projects that are currently in construction.

***Department of Transportation, Formula Grants***

**Federal Highway Administration, Highway Infrastructure Investment:** \$27.5 billion for restoration, repair, construction, and other activities for passenger and freight rail transportation and port infrastructure projects. In selecting projects to be carried out with funds appropriated under this heading, priority shall be given to projects that are projected for completion within a 3-year time frame, and are located in economically distressed areas.

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>

**Amtrak, Capital Grants:** \$1.3 billion of which \$450 million is for capital security grants. Not more than 60 percent of the funds provided for non-security activities may be used for capital projects along the Northeast Corridor.

**Federal Transit Administration, Transit Capital Assistance:** \$6.9 billion for transit capital assistance grants, federal share is 100 percent.

FTA, Transit Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment: \$750 million through formula.

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